GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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TECHNO ENTREPRENEURSHIP PARKS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has set up Techno-Entrepreneurship Parks in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering to set up more such parks in the country, particularly in Chhattisgarh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a to e) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 75 FOR 2.3.2007 REGARDING "TECHNO - ENTREPRENEURSHIP PARKS".

(a)Yes, Sir. Various Departments/Ministries of the Central Government have different schemes for the establishment of facilities and services to promote the development and growth of science and technology led entrepreneurship and businesses including software and IT based enterprises, primarily to bring about closer interaction between research & development institutions, academia and industry for speedy commercialization of R&D outputs. The Department of Science and Technology (DST) promotes Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Parks (STEPs), which are established in and around academic and R&D institutions of excellence for promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship among S&T persons. Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) are also being promoted by DST to nurture growth of knowledge based and technology driven enterprises. In addition, rural/women technology parks are being set up by DST for promoting S&T activities for sustainable development at grass-root level. The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is promoting Biotechnology Parks and Incubators. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has recently initiated a scheme to set up incubation Centers in select CSIR Labs to nurture start-ups, early stage innovations through appropriate hand holding mechanisms. Further, Software Technology Parks (STPs) are being promoted by the Ministry of Information Technology (MIT) through the Software Technology Park of India (STPI) to boost software exports using high speed data communication links.

(b)The state-wise details of STEPs, TBIs established so far by the Department of Science and Technology and STPs by Ministry of Information Technology (MIT) are given in the Annexures I, II and III respectively. The Department of Biotechnology has taken initiatives for setting up Biotechnology Parks and Incubators in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

(c)Proposals for the establishment of such parks are periodically received from different quarters including the State Governments and are processed in accordance with the framework and guidelines of the specific scheme of the Department/Ministry concerned. There is no such proposal received from Chhattisgarh.

(d)&(e): Do not arise.